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Kalaupapa National Historical Park

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Site: KALA

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Vision Statement

Kalaupapa National Historical Park preserves the only remaining and active Hansen's Disease Settlement in the United States. The settlement which is a National Historical Landmark contains over 300 historic buildings, 1200 grave markers, the Molokai Lighthouse, historic churches, and is adjacent to the highest sea cliffs (North Shore Cliffs) which is a National Natural Landmark. Kalaupapa NHP contains Historic Structures such as Paschoal Hall, a large movie and recreational building to a more modern Hospital Care Home which reflects the change in community life and the care of Hansen's disease patients.

Due to the park's isolated geographic location and the period of significance continuing, interpretation and visitor services will need to be expanded and eventually the Department of Interior will need to find the means to procure lands to be held in federal ownership. In doing so the National Park Service may further protect this unique area and keep it from possible development. Kalaupapa is part of our national heritage and should be preserved for future generations. Kalaupapa NHP also contains 14 Threatened or Endangered plant species and more than 25 species of concern. Invasive species continue to threaten park resources such as ungulates, rats, mongoose and variety of insects. Climate change has affected the coastal and marine areas that surround the park.

Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager

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STEWARDSHIP

☒ Provide inspiring, safe, and accessible places for people to enjoy - the standard to which all other park systems aspire.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Kalaupapa NHP is in transition from a Department of Health Facility, the care and treatment of Hansen's disease to tell the story of lives of the patients and historic figures. In protecting the historic Pali trail and working with park partners we can improve opportunities for visitors to enjoy the Historic Settlement , the grave sites of Blessed Father Damien and Blessed Sister Marianne Cope.

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STEWARDSHIP

☒ Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

☒ Rehabilitate high-priority historic buildings to good condition, and help communities to preserve their history through programs like Preserve America.

Kalaupapa NHP contains over 300 historic structures and 1200 grave markers . Currently the park continues to rehabilitate structures through Line Item Construction and Project funded requests. The park recognizes that the remaining 25 patients and the houses they live in will need additional repairs in roofing,electrical, plumbing and painting.We look to partner with cooperators and state agencies to help in this effort.

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☒ Restore native habitats by controlling invasive species and reintroducing key plant and animal species.

Expand the park monitoring programs which would include the restoration of the coastal Pritchardia forest, protection of the rare plants of Kauhako Crater and the control and eradication of the invasive Java Plum. Work with State agencies to no longer allow subsistence hunting within the park which the the focus would be the eradication of all ungulates inside park boundary.

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STEWARDSHIP

☒ **Assure that no compelling chapter in the American heritage experience remains untold and that strategically important landscapes are acquired, as authorized by Congress.**

☒ **Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)**

Kalaupapa NHP is unique in the the period of significance is on going as there are 25 Hansen's Disease Patients still working and living at Kalaupapa Settlement. Prior to the Settlement period Kalaupapa was a Native Hawaiian fishing village and earlier hawaiian culture existed prior to the development of the penninsula. The park will continue to complete archaeological assessments and surveys in order to fully understand early periods of the Hawaiian culture but also the historic landscapes they possess.

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STEWARDSHIP

☒ **Serve as the Preeminent resource laboratory by applying excellence in science and scholarship to understand and respond to environmental changes.**

☒ **Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)**

Kalaupapa NHP has the potential to be the preeminent resource laboratory mainly due to its geographic location and historic presence. The coral reefs , the North Shore Cliffs, Kauako Crater and lush valleys provide an opportunity to study and learn from areas that have been left untouched or impacted as on other islands.

KalaupapaNHP works with other island parks, federal agencies and state agencies in the protection of marine resources. The park supports the National Parks Service Ocean Stewardship program and shares the knowledge, the difficulties, and development of ideas for the protection of our marine resources. Pacific Island parks share many characteristics, the geographically vast network is marked by ecological diversity. Important natural communities include scrub land ecosystems (alpine and subalpine, non-alpine desert and lava fields); forest and schrubland ecosystems(rain forest, cloud forest ,montane bogs and ponds, hawaiian mesic forest, Hawaiian dry forest and grassland. Subterranean ecosystems;streams,coastal ecosystemsand near shore marine ecosystems(coral reefs) are monitored ,data collected for balancing ecological communities and general ecosytem health.

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STEWARDSHIP

☒ Encourage children to be future conservationists.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The National Park Service needs to change the enabling legislation that would not only allow children to visit the park but ensure that NPS employees are not discriminated by virtue of age differences and by having spouses that are required to work in the park in order to live in the park.
The children are our future conservationists and the legacy we share and teach them will be the one they nurture.

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ENVIRONMENT

☒ Reduce environmental impacts of park operations.

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The park will use alternative energy resources that in turn will reduce the park's dependence on fossil fuels and generators and vehicles that use them

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☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The park is planning to reduce ,reuse and recycle all the parks generated garbage. In 2009 the park will operate a Recycling and Composting Buildings and the park will no longer have access to a landfill.

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ENVIRONMENT

☒ Inspire an environmental conscience in Americans.

☒ Establish programs to showcase exemplary environmental practices and increase visitor awareness of how the practices apply to their daily lives, as measured by surveys.

The park will establish a Recycling and Composting facility in 2008 that could be a showcase for other small park and communities.

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☒ Demonstrate environmental excellence through increased use of alternative energy and fuels at every park.

Kalaupapa NHP plans the use of electric vehicles and bicycles to reduce the use of fossil fuels as well as solar energy products that assist park operation.

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ENVIRONMENT

☒ Engage partners, communities, and visitors in shared environmental stewardship.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The park currently operates under five 20 year cooperative agreements with state agencies and religious organizations. The park will expand those agreements to include a shared environmental stewardship that involves shared responsibilities to protect resources.
The Pali Trail will need more wayside exhibits that could explain the history of the trail but also use them as an educational tool for methods of environmental stewardship ie; Recycling, Composting, solar energy and the alternative use of building materials.

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RECREATION

☒ Encourage collaboration among and assist park and recreation systems at every level-federal, regional, state, local-to help build an outdoor recreation network accessible to all Americans.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The park will work other private, state and federal agencies to further protect valuable resources such as endangered animals and plants. The park will develop a MOU or an MOA with the adjacent Paalau State Park in assisting and managing dual areas of responsibilities.

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RECREATION

☒ Expand partnerships with schools and boys and girls associations to show how national park experiences can improve children's lives.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The park will develop a satellite broadcast to be used for children, school groups and physically challenged individuals that are not allowed to visit the park by virtue of their age.

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RECREATION

☒ Focus national, regional, and local tourism efforts to reach diverse audiences and young people and to attract visitors to lesser-known parks.

☒ Increase visitation by 25 percent at lesser-known parks through a national tourism effort aimed at helping people to discover the breadth of parks and experiences.

Kalaupapa NHP is isolated not only geographically but it is layered with regulations as to protect the Hansen's disease patients lifestyles. The limit on daily visitor use needs to be adjusted upward to allow more visitor use.

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☒ Increase the number of visitors that attend ranger-facilitated programs such as campfire talks, hikes, and school programs.

Work with and support Patient led activities that involves visitor use and encourage interpretation by religious organizations that will have significant impacts regarding religious icons of the park.

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EDUCATION

☒ Cooperate with educators to provide curriculum materials, high-quality programs, and park-based and online learning.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The park will include within the lease agreement and 20 year cooperative agreements opportunities to work with educators to develop curriculum materials, high quality programs that can be outreached through parks as Classrooms or other on-line learning.

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EDUCATION

☒ Introduce young people and their families to national parks by using exciting media and technology.

☒ Increase the number of web hits through the introduction of advanced, interactive features that attract young people to national parks.

The park will improve internet capability that can provide interactive features not only to attract young people to national parks but to learn who we are and why we are here.

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EDUCATION

☒ **Impart to every American a sense of their citizen ownership of their national parks.**

☒ **Increase visitors' satisfaction, understanding, and appreciation of the parks they visit.**

Kalaupapa NHP will provide employment opportunities and support career educational programs that foster a friendly work environment that promotes the health and safety of employees but that it is shared for the care of the visitor that wants to learn and appreciate the park.

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☒ **Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)**

The park will promote and foster interpretive programs with the Department of Transportation-airports Division and Paalau State Park . They are the first areas for visitors to stop and learn about the park.

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PROFESSIONALISM

☒ **Be one of the top 10 places to work in America.**

☒ **Attain the highest employee satisfaction rate of all federal agencies, as measured by Office of Personnel Management surveys.**

Kalaupapa because of it's remoteness needs to expand not only recreational opportunities but improve air transportation service,telephone ,radio, and internet communications for employees. Funding is required to bring in a T-1 line to increase the effectiveness of intranet communications. Work with other federal agencies and OAS to evaluate any options for air service for employees.

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PROFESSIONALISM

☒ Promote a safety and health culture for all employees and visitors.

☒ Reduce the number of employee lost-time incidents and serious visitor injuries by 20 percent.

The park will embark on a campaign to promote divisional collateral duty safety officers and encourage more feed back from the visitor regarding any experiences that may have a safety and health issue.
More recognition for the visitor to report safety issues. Introduce the Kalaupapa Safety Pin/button as a means for recognition.
The park will work with cooperators such as the Department of Health to increase safety awareness for areas that they co-manage.

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PROFESSIONALISM

☒ Model what it means to work in partnership.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Kalaupapa NHP will promote a park with no boundaries. The park needs to express that the boundaries now include the State Park , State Airport ,Private inholdings ,Friends Groups etc. Basically it is what can we do for each other that includes visitors and local groups.

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PROFESSIONALISM

☒ **Make national parks the first choice in philanthropic giving among those concerned about environmental, cultural, and recreational values.**

☒ **Improve communications and marketing capacity to increase public understanding of our mission, opportunities, and benefits.**

The park needs to establish a more active partnership with the Office of Tourism and expand on filming permits within the park. The park brochure should include other local and state park areas to visit .The park needs to partner with our adjacent Paalau State Park to promote education, Hawaiian culture and environmental stewardship.

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☒ **Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)**

The park will work with religious organizations to develop wayside exhibits and brochures that explain how historically religion was an important way of life in the community.

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